

Reach Out and Read – Joint Letter Request (\$10,000,000). I would ban earmarks as we know them, but as long as these earmarks are available, I'm going to apply for them in an effort to pursue federal funding opportunities for my district. For non-defense projects in the current earmarking system, I work closely with local governments, civic organizations, non-profits and business development authorities to identify and prioritize projects important to local communities in Georgia's Eighth Congressional District (and sometimes elsewhere). I only request funds for projects authorized by law for federal funding and do not do so for private parties or entities. This national project promotes literacy and language development in infants and young children, targeting disadvantage and poor children and families. This program is a good use of taxpayer funds because it encourages early literacy skills so children enter school prepared for success in reading. Beneficiary: Reach Out and Read National Center, 56 Roland Street, Boston, MA 02129.